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ACQUITTAL OF BROWN.

The trial of Marion, begun last week at McDowell court, and closed on Monday by the acquittal of the accused, has aroused only feeble interest outside of the scene of the tragedy as compared with the well known position of the murdered man, and the circumstances of the killing. Perhaps, therefore, this indifference, outside of the county, might authorize the acceptance of the verdict of acquittal as equally a matter of indifference, and make comment upon it mere surplusage of words.

We confess we do not share that indifference, and while understanding full well the joy of parents and friends at the escape of the accused man, naturally very dear to them, from capital punishment, the satisfaction of the eleven eminent counsel who rallied for the defence, and the contentment of the twelve jurors with their literal acceptance of testimony without strain upon thought as to how far circumstances might justify have enlarged the domain of evidence or reason, we feel that we stand in the presence of a great crime, in the agency of which there is scarcely a moral doubt, and yet passed beyond the further reach of justice, unpunished and unavenged.

There were conditions attached to the murder of Col. Roger Page without parallel in the annals of crime in North Carolina. He was a lawyer of repute, an editor of ability, occupying an influential social position. To him much was given, in talent, in education, in acquirement. Therefore, from him much was expected. His moral strength, however, was inferior to his intellectual force, or the demands of his position; and he was charged with the most deadly and unpardonable of all social crimes—the invasion of domestic and marital relations. For such offence, custom has designated the penalty, and the law is lenient to the vindicator of outraged personal honor. But both custom and the law are rigid in defining the party with whom the right of vindication shall rest. The grievance suffered is purely individual, and the punishment to correct it such invasion of the province of law and social regulation, that no delegation of a quasi-permissible right can be tolerated; what may be justified or condoned in the one, becomes capital crime in another. The man who slays the destroyer and betrayer of his domestic happiness is invested with something of a chivalrous character; he who acts in the character of deputy for the principal is a murderer.

There are but two individuals who, in this lamentable tragedy, are by any probability to be associated with the slayer of Mr. Page, one, the husband, Dr. Butt, the party presumably the most deeply aggrieved, was clearly proved to have had no part in the tragedy. He was never charged with it, and was known to be elsewhere at the time of its transaction. The other, the young man, just tried and acquitted, the brother of the supposed erring or betrayed Mrs. Butt, had surrounded himself with such circumstances as to have led to a common consensus of opinion that he took upon himself the vindication of family honor. His surrender a few days after, into the hands of the law, seemed to be admission of his culpability with reliance on the ability of counsel and the machinery of the law to extricate him from danger.

In all its features, the murder of Mr. Page was an assassination. With whatever internal consciousness of the guilt for which he was so soon and so suddenly to be called to an awful account, he had left the train on which he had just arrived from a neighboring station, unsuspecting of danger, unarmed, and walking down the railroad track on his way to his lodgings, in free, unrestrained conversation with some of the small group of gentlemen who had joined him. Suddenly, out of the darkness came the flash and the sharp report of a pistol, and Page fell instantly dead. The assassin had done his deadly work and instantly escaped.

In the trial just passed, the element of safety for the accused sought by the counsel for the defence was that of identification. This is impossible to be established when the depth of darkness is chosen as the time for murder, when the deadly pistol may be thrust from the almost palpable solidity of surrounding obscurity, almost into contact with the fated victim, and then drawn back with equal celerity into shades which no human eye can penetrate. If this be the plea and the plan by which a man may escape, then a safe method of committing murder is made clear, and a premium offered for assassination; for it is very certain that darkness presents its insurmountable barrier to identification.

Yet this seems to have been the chief reliance of the defence, and as far as we can judge, accepted by the prosecution. No use seems to have been made of that circumstantial evidence, the only evidence applicable in this case, and of which there might seem to have been plenty; for it must have been abundant and attainable when, among so many people, there never was the suggestion of any other perpetrator of the deed than the person on trial.

As we have said, we enter fully into the feelings and the joys of the parents and friends of the young man at his escape

from conviction; we can admire the learning, the skill and the eloquence with which the trial and defence were conducted; for the counsel, with the responsibility of human life resting upon their fidelity to the cause of their client, owed it to duty and to themselves to do their best.

But it is due to candor to say that public sentiment is not satisfied that the law is not vindicated, though the accused is satisfied. It would be as great a strain upon human credulity to say that Roger Page was not killed at all and is still alive as to doubt, by whose hand he fell. Another stab has been given to the reliable administration of the law. How can the voice of the press be raised in denunciation of the popular form of execution at Lexington, occurring the same day and some hours after the acquittal of Brown, when it is silenced and paralyzed in its own household? When a man to whom every circumstance points with almost convincing certainty as guilty of the crime charged, goes forth vindicated by the law, he goes forth technically innocent of the crime. What inference may not be drawn from this?

It is a question of taste perhaps how a marriage ceremony shall be celebrated, whether in church or before a magistrate; whether in the privacy of a home or in the glaring light of sunshine, amid the crowds assembled at a State Fair and before the eyes of thousands of curious and not altogether reverent spectators. Such last was the scene and the surroundings of Mr. W. M. Bateman and Miss Josephine Nowles at Raleigh, on Tuesday of Fair week. It had all the elements of publicity and all those of notoriety, for it was unique in method. Whether it will be remembered hereafter by the exhibiting and contracting parties with the elation with which they made their show may be questioned. Such public, like many "brilliant" weddings, when the pathway of life has been traveled some distance, are viewed very often with painful and saddened retrospect.

Sam Jones has finished his work at Durham and now goes to Lynchburg. There is something in the man which proves, that, though he offends the proprieties of speech and manners, appropriate to a subject so grave and important as the work of gospel ministrations, he is a power for good. It cannot be the mere desire for excitement, which, after gathering together large crowds from far and wide, holds them together with unaltered, rather increasing, interest. We confess to no admiration of his style, nor even a tolerance of it. Yet while he does good, as he certainly seems to do we will not condemn the manner, if the matter be effective.

We are very glad to learn that the State fair at Raleigh, now in progress, is one of the best ever held on the same ground. More visitors are in attendance than usual, and the exhibits are of a more general and better character. It is difficult to vary the monotonous sameness of these exhibits; yet, they are always new to a large number of those who have never before seen them; and there is no question about their eminent usefulness. A band of our Cherokees are there, but that is not a novelty, their ball playing having been exhibited a good many years ago on the old grounds on Hargett street.

Middlesboro, the new Kentucky town near the Cumberland Gap, seems to be one of those towns that is going to be built up right away into a city without passing through the initial stages of villagehood. It was born only three or four months ago. It now has its street railways, its electric lights, its splendid hotels, its broad avenues; and its losses some of them—are selling at \$85 a front foot. This phenomenal development is due to the close proximity of abundant coal, iron and timber, and to railroad facilities; the whole backed up by inexhaustible English capital.

We are pleased to see that Danville, Va., has voted so decidedly on the proposition of a corporate subscription to the extension westward from that city in the direction of Bristol of the Atlantic and Danville railroad. Bristol promises to do the same; and the line, a rival of the Norfolk and Western, will soon connect those two points, over four hundred miles apart. Towns that act with such brave energy are not likely to be content with present condition, however prosperous it may seem, but go on together and add all that enterprise can attain and bring to them.

Corporal Tanner and Chief of Engineers Casey are good agencies in reducing the surplus. The latter is as liberal in advising appropriations for river improvements as the other in finding subjects, honorable or otherwise, for pension aid. General Casey recommends appropriations amounting to \$30,186,300. If the money must go that way, we will get some of it. The Cape Fear river will get \$250,000; but the French Broad is overlooked.

Dr. Parker Prays cream Van-Ola, Rosaline, Ongaline and Diamond nail powder having now become the ladies' favorites, at F. L. Jacob's drug store, these popular manicure articles may always be found, together with pocket emery board, or orange wood sticks, nail scissors, files and other such requisites. Also a complete line of drugs and toilet articles, in addition to the Hebe Soda Fountain from which ice cold drinks are dispensed. Corner Main street and Patton avenue.

A special to the Durham Globe says, Senator Ransom is in Washington City to procure flags and make other arrangements for the celebration of the constitutional centennial at Fayetteville on the 21st of November. The special says ex-President Davis will be there; though this has been stated to be doubtful.

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No man will lose money on you, and when one offers goods below cost at wholesale, buy them, but don't touch them in other goods. Use common sense, price around and where you are offered the best bargains

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